

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Jing CHENG et al.

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For: INTEGRATED BIOCHIP SYSTEM FOR  
SAMPLE PREPARATION AND ANALYSIS

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Examiner: A. Lam

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated February 9, 2007, for which a response was due on May 9, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to August 9, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.